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Application Number: 09/939,453

Subject: Informality Re: Payment of Fees

The Office Action for the above application was mailed on January 13, 2005. The three month response date was April 13, 2005. The response was received by fax on April 14, 2005 in the examiner's Eastern Time Zone. The response was faxed on April 13, 2005 in the inventor's Pacific Time Zone in San Jose, CA.

The inventor is appealing the \$60.00 extension fee based on the fact that it was still April 13, 2005 when the response was faxed.

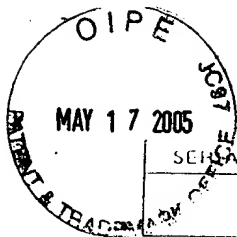
A check for \$60.00 is enclosed in case the appeal is denied. However, the inventor believes the time zone difference is valid grounds for granting the appeal.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated.



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INFORMALITY RE PAYMENT OF FEE

The informality regarding the payment of the fee in connection with ☐ the original filing fee ☐ the amendment filed 4/14/05 is indicated below.

A. FEE DUE

1. ☐ The amendment is considered incomplete in that the funds in Deposit Account No. _____ are insufficient to cover the entire fee due. The balance is due within the period set below.
2. ☐ The amendment is considered an incomplete response, in that payment of \$ _____ is insufficient to cover the claims as shown in the attached Patent Application Fee Determination Record. Remittance is due within the period set below.
3. ☐ The amendment has not been entered, since applicant has failed to remit (or authorize charge to a Deposit Account) the fee as indicated on the attached Patent Application Fee Determination Record. Remittance or authorization is due within the period set below.
4. ☐ The filing fee of \$ _____ submitted in this application is insufficient.
A balance of \$ 60.00 is due for additional EXTENSION ~~claims~~.
5. ☐

APPLICANT IS GIVEN THE REMAINDER OF THE SET PERIOD FOR RESPONSE, OR ONE (1) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, WITHIN WHICH TO REMIT THE FEE OF \$ _____.

B. EXCESS PAYMENT:

5. ☐ It is noted that payment of \$ _____ is in excess of the amount necessary to cover the claims now in the application. See the attached Patent Application Fee Determination Record.

This matter of refund or credit to your account is being referred to the Finance Officer, for his consideration.

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